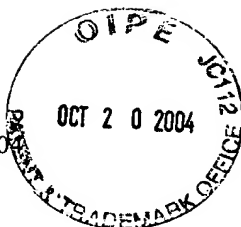


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Sir:

By this amendment, thirty-eight (38) total claims are now pending in this application. Seventeen (17) new claims have been added which include four (4) new independent claims. The three month response period for responding to the Office action of June 18, 2004 expired on September 18, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from September 18, 2004 through October 18, 2004. A check in the amount of \$768 is enclosed to cover the \$658 fee for additional claims and the \$110 one month extension of time fee.

In response to the Office action of June 18, 2004, paper no. 8, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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